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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
West et al. ) RECEIVED  
Serial No. 09/653,406 ) CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
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For: Nitric Oxide-Producing Hydrogel )  
Materials ) Examiner: Fubara, Blessing M.

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 13, 2006, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the claims as follows and reconsideration of the claims based upon the amendments and the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time to expire after March 13, 2007, to file a Response to the Non-Final Office Action. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and Form PTO-2038 authorizing the charge of the fee for a three-month extension of time are enclosed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 10 of this paper.

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